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SUB: HERSHEY COCOA REPORT -IVORY COAST AND GHANA

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM JORDAN TO: R.L. UHRICH,
HERSHEY FOOD COPR, HERSHEY, PA 17033, TEL 717-534-4200.

2. BEGIN TEXT; IN THE IVORY COAST ALL MAIN CROP COCOA OFF
TREES, NO COCOA ON MATS AND MOST OF REMOTE BUYING STORES CLEARED
WITH STEADY MOVEMENT OF COCOA TO PORT. OUR ESTIMATE FOR
IVORY COAST MAIN REMAINS AT 205,000 TONS WITH USUAL MARGIN.
WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING STAY IN IVORY COAST IDEAL FOR MID
CROP DEVELOPMENT AND FLOWERS BEGINNING TO APPEAR ON TREES IN ALL
AREAS. DURING RETURN JOURNEY HARMATTAN BLEW FROM FROM NEAR
GHGNA BORDER TO JUST SOUTH OF ANYINAM
IN EASTERN REGION. TREES IN GHANA ARE BEGINNING TO
FLUSH SHOWING UP DRAMATICALLY EXTENT AND SEVERENESS OF PAST
CAPSID DAMAGE. REPORTED IN IVORY COAST CPA MEETING CLOSED
DAY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED BUT NO MENTION IN GHANA. WIDE
PUBLICITY IN LOCAL GHANA PRESS OF INTENTION OF ARMY TO EVACUATE
COCOA BUT DURING OUTWARD AND RETURN JOURNEY SAW ONLY MARKETING
BOARD TRUCKS MOVING COCOA. SUSPECT DISPUTE DEVELOPING BETWEEN
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BOARD AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT OWNERS OVER FREIGHT RATES

RELATED TO SHOCKING ROAD CONDITIONS. END OF TEXT.

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